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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 4629

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, RP

SUBJECT: CONTINUING TENSION IN LANAOS PROVINCES

REF: MANILA 3745

TENSION REMAINS HIGH IN THE TWO LANAOS PROVINCES  
IN MINDANAO. CLASHES BETWEEN ARMED MARANAO MUSLIM  
GROUPS AND GOVERNMENT FORCES HAVE RECENTLY INCREASED  
IN LANAOS DEL NORTE, BUT THERE HAS NOT BEEN A GENERAL  
OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING. MUSLIM ATTACKERS KILLED 26  
CHRISTIAN CIVILIANS IN THIS PROVINCE ON APRIL 8.  
UNDERLYING CAUSE APPEARS TO BE LOCAL MUSLIM FRUSTRATION  
WITH FAILURE  
TO REGAIN TRADITIONAL LANDS FROM WHICH THEY  
WERE DRIVEN IN 1971 RATHER THAN SPREAD OF MNLF ACTIVITIES  
IN THIS AREA. ALTHOUGH AFP FORCES, OUTNUMBERED  
BY THE APPROXIMATELY 2,900 WELL-ARMED MUSLIMS IN THE  
TWO PROVINCES, WOULD BE HARD PRESSED TO CONTAIN WIDE-  
SPREAD ATTACKS WERE LANAOS TO BECOME NEW FRONT IN  
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PHILIPPINE MUSLIM CONFLICT, PRESENT TROUBLES STILL

APPEAR MANAGEABLE WITHIN TRADITIONAL AND LOCAL CONTEXT.  
AIRGRAM FOLLOWS.  
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